IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant (s):Kobayashi et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE HYDROXYMETHYLATED

COMPOUNDS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is being filed in response to the office action that was mailed in this case on 5 October 2009. A petition for a one-month extension of time and required fee accompany this paper. The examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

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